

COUNTY CORONER

Department Overview

The County Coroner is a statutorily position, filled by an elected official. All voters' elect the Coroner to a four-year term. The Coroner's salary is set at 65% of the base elected officials yearly rate, plus longevity. In addition, the coroner has authority to use temporary employees for professional services due to the large increase in activity.

The Coroner does not perform autopsies but pays medical Professionals for each autopsy performed. This accounts for the majority of the departments operating budget.

Department Goals

- Strive to be the best Coroner Service in Montana.
 - Educate public of services provided by Coroner's Office.
 - Speak to groups at career days and drivers education participants.
 - Establish and maintain a well-equipped morgue.
 - Expand fee-based services to other counties.
 - Continue Training of Coroner and Staff
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Recent Accomplishments

- Training of Coroner and Deputy Coroner's.
- Providing outreach to driver's education classes and at career days in the local schools.
- Continued advanced training.
- Provided safe transportation.
- Comply with City, County, State and Federal Standards.

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Department Budget

Object of Expenditure	Actual FY 2005	Final FY 2006	Actual FY 2006	Request FY 2007	Preliminary FY 2007	Final FY 2007
Personnel	\$ 57,990	\$ 60,537	\$ 60,050	\$ 61,830	\$ 62,067	\$ 62,327
Operations	36,085	43,997	40,408	47,953	47,953	47,953
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	12,000	-	28,000	18,000	18,000
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 94,075	\$ 116,534	\$ 100,330	\$ 137,783	\$ 128,020	\$ 128,280

Budget by Fund Group

General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Revenue Funds	94,075	116,534	100,330	137,783	128,020	128,280
Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Project Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust & Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 94,075	\$ 116,534	\$ 100,330	\$ 137,783	\$ 128,020	\$ 128,280

Funding Sources

Tax Revenues	\$ 62,238	\$ 77,097	\$ 70,158	\$ 91,155	\$ 84,696	\$ 84,697
Non-Tax Revenues	24,469	30,311	29,705	30,311	30,311	30,311
Cash Reappropriated	7,367	9,126	467	16,317	13,013	13,272
Total	\$ 94,075	\$ 116,534	\$ 100,330	\$ 137,783	\$ 128,020	\$ 128,280

Department Personnel

Personnel Summary

No	FT/PT	Title	FTE
1	Full-Time	Coroner	0.65
	Part-Time	Deputy Coroners	
Total Program FTE			0.65

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2007 Budget Highlights

Personnel

- Increase in Temporary Wages for Deputy Coroner's.

Operations

- All expenses excluding fixed costs had no change from previous year.

Capital

- Vehicle replacement \$18,000.

County Commission Goals/Department Response

The County Commission established a set of overarching goals for the county government. Listed below are the County Commission's goals, followed by the methods by which the County Coroner is striving to fulfill those goals.

Exceptional Customer Service

- Continue Great Service
- Provide Safe Transportation on Roads
- Comply with City, County and Federal Standards
- Continue lectures to driver's ed classes, job fairs and the DARE Program

Be Model for Excellence in Government

- Continue Advanced Training
- Well equipped morgue
- Best Coroner Service in Montana
- Maintain the office in a most efficient manner

Improve Communications

- Increased public knowledge of department – receive positive impression from public

To be the Employer of Choice

- Continue Advanced Training
- Best Trained Staff in State

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WORKLOAD INDICATORS/PERFORMANCE MEASURERS

Workload Indicators

Indicator	Actual FY 2004	Actual FY 2005	Estimate FY 2006	Projected FY 2007
1 . Coroner deaths	96	124	130	
2 . Hospice deaths	60	95	100	
3 . Cremation authorities	185	273	300	
4 . Other calls	3	16	10	
5 . Coroner contacts	342	508	540	560
6 . Inquest hearings				

Performance Measures

Measure	Actual FY 2004	Actual FY 2005	Estimate FY 2006	Projected FY 2007
1 . Accidental deaths	11	7	7	
2 . Motor Vehicle	16	12	20	
3 . Natural	49	92	95	
4 . Suicide	14	10	15	
5 . Homicide	3	0	2	
6 . Pending	0	3	1	
7 . Undetermined	1	0	1	160

Commentary